# Harper and Bentley Off For Annapolis---Invite Caldwell and Meredith---Cortez Is Obtained

# FIRST SQUAD LEAVES FOR **PRELIMINARY** FIELD STUNT

Uncle Nick Altrock Hikes to Annapolis, Towing Harper and Bentley Along for Their Daily Workouts.

Manager Griffith Tonight Addresses Potomac Leaguers on Favorite Subject at Big Masonic Hall Banquet.

By LOUIS A. DOUGHER.

The first squad of Griffmen, three in number, have gone into training for the coming campaign. Uncle Nick Altrock, comedian and coach extraordinary, today left for Annapolis with Harry Harper, the Hackensack hurler, and Jack Bentley, the Sandy Spring phenom, where they will remain until February 28. On that day they will join the rest of the battery candidates here and depart for Charlottesville, Va.

"All ready here," grinned Harper, when he showed up at Griff's office. "Same here," murmured the bash

"Let's go," said Uncle Nick. And they went.

While in Annapolis Harper and Bentley will work out with the candidates for the Navy nine. Altrock is coach of the Navy twirlers, just as he was last spring, and he has obtained permission

Altrock tells them, they may be among the best pitchers in the league." was

Manager Griffith will, tonight, be When the cigars come around the Old Fox will hand the gathering his now famous speech, entitled, "How to Win a settle the question of track suprem-Pennant," but one who longs to do it. acy with Caldwell. To be serious, Griff will tell those amateurs just how much he thinks of amateur players, pointing to the large assortment of ex-amateurs he has corraled for his own ball club.

The fate of the International League, just now sorely tried by the Feds, will be decided today at the annual meeting in New York. President Ed Barrow insists that his league will not suspend operations, even if unable to place a club in the Bronx. Furthermore, he says that eight clubs will be retained.

"Greasy" Neale, the West Virginia Wesleyan athletic star, has been let out by the Cleveland American Association team to Dayton, in the Central League. As a Spider last year Neale hit for .229 in eighteen games, though he had led the Canadian League the season before. This is the player who brought about the quitting of the Wesleyan basketball team at Georgetown a few weeks ago when the referee disqualified him. Apparently, it is impossible to become a professional at Wesleyan.

Joe Birmingham has dropped a couple of his rookles. Omar Benn, a pitcher, goes to Jack Knight's A. A. outfit, and Jack Tedrow, also a pitcher, goes to

Nap Lajoie does not relish the insinu-ation that he is slow on the bases.
"I know I am not as fast a player as I used to be." says Larry, "but no one expects a man who has been at it as long as I have to show the same speed he did fifteen years ago. But, at that there are worse base runners than Nap Lajole. All you fellows say ferry Tur-ner is fast, don't you? Well, Terry stole only three more bases than I did last year. Joe Jackson is a streak getting down to first base, but Joe stole only eight more bases than I did, and he got on fifty or sixty more times than I did."

Between fifty and sixty ball players will be passengers on the steamer Apache, sailing from New York on the 26th. They will be members of the Dodgers, Phillies, and Mackmen. In the ty will be 350-pound Emory Titman, far-famed spring mascot of the

Jimmy Gilmore, head of the Feds, is on his way to New York to complete the transfer of the Kansas City club to-somewhere else.

#### Menosky Hops Feds to Sign With Herzog's Team

have signed up Mike Menosky, of the Federal League, for the coming season. prove an exceedingly valuable man for the team this year, and he looks for his stick work to help the team in its uphill work of keeping abreast of its rival clubs during the long summer campaign. Menosky was one of the caiginal Federal League members. YOUNG GRIFFMEN WHO OPEN TRAINING CAMPAIGN



# Invite Caldwell And Meredith to Run Here Boston Magnate Worried More Wise Men Believe That 1914

Manager Gurry Wants Both These Indoor Track Stars to Decide Superio rity at Georgetown Meet.

against Meredith again, as the Pennsylvania wonder, has been invited principal guest of honor at the big along with Caldwell by Manager smoker of the Potomac amateur base- Tom Gurry, of the Hilltoppers. ball league, at Masonie Hall, Anacostia. Penn's alumni are making every effort to have Meredith come here and

The struggle between Caldwell and Meredith last week furnished New York the greatest race seen in many years. Fifty yards from the finish Caldwell was in the rear by eight yards. Then he tore off his spurt. I'en yards from the tape the former Cornellian caught his opponent, and flashed across the line a winner by

"Meredith insists that he can beat Caldwell any day in the week," said Manager Gurry today, "and so we have invited him and Caldwell to come to evening.
our meet in Convention Hall and give
us the same thrill they gave New Yorkever, wil

Carlisle Indians are expected to be entrants in many of the events, though the names of the men have yet to be

Johns Hopkins and Washington and

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us the same thrill they gave New Yorkers."

The banner relay of the night, however, will be the two-mile clash between
Yale and Frinceton, old rivals in many
fields of athletic endeavor.

## MINCE PIE.

A LITTLE OF EVERYTHING. By "Bugs" Baer.

Do you realize that we're still manufacturing, exporting, and win waiting for the Braves to crack?

St. Locey evidently figures on a safe and Naps on that day.

While digging down into his jeans, President Gaffney is won-dering whether his star is Bill or

Takes a fresh chicken like Howard Ehmke to ask for waivers on an entire

No matter where they finish this season, there is absolutely no doubt that Cincinnati leads the league in killing bankrobbers.

What makes the Cub owners so sore is the new player limit rule allows 'em only twenty-one players to doublecross.

Military experts agree that the dumd in bullet is not nearly so destructive as Walter

Philadelphia's chief industries are ruary is

ning newspaper decisions.

Favorite alibi among New York crooks is that they were playing against Capasane Fourth. They entertain the former blanca at the time the robbery was com-

> The Whales have released seven Blubber should drop in

#### Eugene Corri May Be Referee in Gotham Bout

NEW YORK, Feb. 15 .- Eugene Corri, sho referred the Welsh-Ritchie championship battle that gave the English-man the crown, may officiate for these boys again when they clash on March
11 at Madison Square Garden.
Manager Jimmy Johnston last night
cabled the great National Sporting Club
of London referee asking him to come
over at the expense of the club. Johnston expects an answer today.

### Welsh Boxes Tonight.

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., Feb. 15 .pion, and Jimmy Anderson, the hard-hitting Hoosier lightweight, are ready for their six-round no-decision contest here tonight.

Give Wood Banquet. Capablanca played eighty-four opponents and climbed out of the ring without a scratch.

PORT JERVIS, N. Y., Feb. 15.—One hundred public men and baseball enthusiasts will tender Joe Wood, the Red Sox twirler and a resident of Parkers



BRAVES WON'T WIN

Victory Was Miracle and

Cannot Happen Twice.

# GAFFNEY TROUBLED BY HIS CHAMPIONS

Than Many Owners of Tail End Teams by His Men.

into the same race.

Five relay teams, representing as many be presuded to get into the same race.

Five relay teams, representing as many councils of the Knights of Columbus, begin training tonight at Georgeton to the watchtill eye of John D. O Reilly, the Blue and Giray coach. Great interest is being shown in this race by the members of the order and organized rooters from each council will be on hand when the gun sounds that starts off the athletes on their wild scramble around the corners.

Lebanon Valley will contest with M. A. C. and Gallaudet in a relay, and will also have some runners in the dashes and the quarter. Evans and Jaeger will appear in the dashes and the quarter. Bershey and the quarter. Bershey shoved the shot 3 feet at the Penn relay meet last year, and is looked upon as a strong contender for the honors here.

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The big pitcher will hardly have the support of the fans in his controversy will appear in the dashes and the quarter. Bershey and the quarter. Bershey and the quarter. Bershey and the quarter of the fans that would also have some runners in the dashes and the quarter. Bershey and the quarter of the fans that would also have some runners in the grounds that a scidents rarely happen twice in the same way.

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# Over Lewis in Second

HAVANA, Cuba, Feb. 15.-Young Ahearn, European middleweight chamoin, opened Havana's boxing season Saturday night by putting Willie Lewis, of New York, to sleep in the second round. Ahearn was easily the better man and might have won in the opening round, had he wished.

#### Tom Halpin Won't Run For Some Time, at Least

BOSTON, Feb. 15.—Capt. Tom Halpin, of the Boston A. A., has quit racing for the present, at least, and has asked Manager George V. Brown to cancel all of his engagements for the remainder of the indoor season.

Halpin finds that his business will not allow him to get away from Boston.

### In Field for Games.

The Brookland A. C. is already seeking dates for its baseball team. All seventeen-year-old teams are requested to write Manager John A. Mahoney, 1343 cearney street northeast. T. L. Curran, former star of the George Washington track team, has been engaged to coach the Brookland

### Of Lightweight Title

DENVER, Colo., Feb. 15.-Willie Ritchie stopped off here yesterday. He headed for New York, where, on March 11. he meets Champion Freddie Welsh in a ten-round bout. "I'll prove this time that I was jobbed out of the title in London," said the former light-weight champion.

There must be things in that special American Association contract that have never been told. A Louisville writer states that Scotty Ingerton had a clause in his contract by which the Louisville club had until March 1 to submit a new contract or exercise its option.

John Ruskin BIGGEST A CIRAL FOR ALL MEN

# ANDY CORTEZ WILL **BOX TOMMY LANGDON**

Battler Agrees to Terms Offered and Ardmore Will See Him in Action.

Andy Cortez, the Hoboken battler who gave Tommy Lowe such a stiff argument last winter, will face Tommy Langdon, of Philadelphia, at the new ture bout on the night of Washington'

Ardmore Club in the fifteen-round feature bout on the night of Washington's Birthday. His manager. Al McMurray, accepted the club's terms today, and promises to have Cortez in perfect condition to make Langdon step around for the decision. Patrick F. O'Connor is expected to be the official referee of this battle.

"Cortez is booked up pretty heavily this month," writes McMurray, "but I think he can squeeze in this show at Ardmore. He feels, too, that he can do much better now than he did against Lowe. In the first place, that was his second experience in a fifteen-round bout. Since then he has been going as high as twenty rounds, keeping his strength and speed to the very end. In New York he has been traveling tenround battles every week, meeting the very best to be found, except the champions like Welsh, White, Shugrue, and Duffy. At that, some of his bouts have been better than what the so-called champions were giving, particularly this last Welsh-Shugrue bout at the Garden.

"I shall have Cortez in Washington at least three days before the bout, so that the fans can have a chance to see him work out. He is booked to appear at the Olympia, in Philadelphia, on February 29, but that's only six rounds, and his Ardmore show won't hurt him in the least. Indeed, he has not been in such perfect shape for many moons. I expect him to defeat Langdon, though the latter is a fast stepper."

Langdon's manager, who is spending the winter here, was pleased today when informed that all arrangements had been concluded for this coming holiday show at Ardmore. He says that his boy is rapidly getting into shape to travel fifteen rounds at top speed. Langdon's footwork has always been a strong feature of his exhibitions, and so he is now devoting all of his time to increasing his wind and endurance in order to keep him moving thoughts.

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"Tommy has been boxing six-round bouts in Philadelphia," says Manager Wilson, "but he frequently hops out to work for ten or twelve rounds. He has plenty of time now to get ready for this show here on Washington's Birthday, and I expect him to be at his best."

Both Cortez and Langdon have agreed to make 123 pounds at 5 o'clock the

# TODAY'S SPORTORIAL

By LOUIS A. DOUGHER.

So Virginia will not enter the South Atlantic championship events in the coming Georgetown meet, because the Charlottesville lads fear they might not be treated fairly. Too bad-Georgetown is now expected to cancel the entire gathering of athletes so foolish as to take chances on the treatment coming to them. Captain Cronley, credited with issuing the statement mentioned, ought to have consulted some of those shrewd gentlemen who govern athletics at Virginia before submitting to an interview. Cronley's statement is so amateurish and smacking so much of the schoolboy attitude that it fails to impress. Whatever Georgetown's quarrel with Virginia may be, the reputa-

tion of the Hilltoppers for fairness is not to be put aside in a track meet where the sons of both institutions meet in competition. If Virginia sees fit to enter the South Atlantic championship events, five in all, the Orange and Blue athletes will be treated fairly and squarely by both the officials of the meet and the public swarming to see the games. Furthermore, the authorities at Charlottesville know this to be absolutely true. Some one should have gagged Cronley before he made his alma mater look foolish before thinking men.

In another way, Virginia bites off its own nose to spite its face. The Orange and Blue possesses many excellent athletes, including Cronley himself. In remaining out of the five title events, Virginia loses a chance to obtain what might rightly belong to her. It must be small satisfaction to willing athletes to see others not so skillful taking titles they would have won out for the blue might before the big meet at Convention their schoolboy attitude. Two weeks remain before the big meet at Convention Hall. Possibly Virginia's sober second thought may bring sanity.

The following letter, received today, is self-explanatory:

Sporting Editor, Times:

I notice with great joy that the Ardmore Club is going to begin all over again, and wants to put on Tommy Langdon and either Frankie Nelson or Cortez. I think the many boxing fans of Washington will be glad to know this. I saw both of Tommy Lowe's fights with Nelson and Cortez, and they were all right. If Ardmore will put on some more battles like those, the club will be successful, and will attract all of us once more. I am but one of nine who take in every bout—that is, used to take in every one. That Soldier Maguire bout killed our interest, and we haven't seen a show since, not even the K. O. Brown fight. But, if Ardmore is once more headed in the right-direction, the whole nine of us will be on hand. Yours truly,

A FIGHT FAN.

Today settles the fate of the International League. If it can obtain permission to enter the Bronx, the Jersey City club will be transferred to that section of the metropolis. If this move fails, the club may be sold. However, Ed Barrow insists that his organization will continue in the game, no matter what comes. Such quixotic bravery is deserving of a better reward than it is receiving from the forces of organized baseball.

The summit has been reached. Now the baseball player is beginning to travel down hill when it comes to salaries. The future may be glimpsed in the wholesale releases of men who might have been retained a few years back. Organized baseball has generally taken pretty good care of deserving veterars. They have been toted along when past all hope of delivering the goods. However, in the grand rush to get the coin, no matter how, the veteran players have shown equal greed with those in their prime or coming along into their days of glory on the diamond. In self-defense, if nothing more, they are now getting their reward. It is bitter, too. It will yet be more bitter.

## Of Park for Grid Battles

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.-Director of Athletics Charles A. Mullaley, of Fordham, announces that the Brooklyn Federal League grounds in Brooklyn or the grounds in the Bronx, if completed, have been offered for the Marcons' big football games. As yet no acceptance has been made.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Feb. 15.-Jim Flynn, who has twice lost to Jack John-To Appear at Lyceum

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### Sells Howard Baker.

#### Feds Offer Fordham Use | Princeton Is Seeking Hitters for Its Team

PRINCETON, Feb. 15 .- The Princeton baseball team is looking for hitters, for from the present indications, the strength of the nine will be in the field and not at the bat. The Tigers have washington cance Club and Potomacs to

Appear in Relay.

Appear in suffered comparatively little by loss

### Fifty-two Men Kept On Yale Varsity Squad

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Feb. 15 .- Fifty wo men have been selected by Coach Frank Quinby and Captain Middlebrook

to make up the first Yale varsity base ball squad.

The work of turning out what Yale undergraduates hope will be a championship team will begin the last week of this month, when the first squad will be set to work in the baseball case. "The Braves' victory in 1914 was of a miracle nature," one of the "wise ones' tells you. "You can't expect too many with no holds barred. Frank Zerega and Lou Scroggins will appear in the course. I don't say that the Braves haven't a chance to repeat in 1915. They may win. All things are possible. But I don't think they will win."

The Week two in three. HOUSTON, Tex., Feb. 15.—The St. Louis Americans have sold to the Houston club, of the Texas League, Howard baker, formerly of Talladega, in the State League, and who was obtained by St. Louis on an option from Montgomery.

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